

REMARKS

RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1, 3-11, 13, and 15-21 for examination.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by Claims 1, 3-11, 13, and 15-21 which is the sleeve sub-species number 1 describing non-permeable elements. The elected claims are directed to this species. Claims 2, 12, 14, and 22-48 are hereby withdrawn.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of additional claims.

An extension fee is filed concurrently with this election. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies to Deposit Account 10-0447.

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Respectfully submitted,

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